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APPLICATION OF CSWR-TEXAS§PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONUTILITY OPERATING COMPANY,§LLC AND NORTH ORANGE WATER &§SEWER, LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER,§OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND§CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN ORANGE§COUNTY§

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

On April 12, 2022, CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC (CSWR-Texas) and North Orange Water & Sewer, LLC (North Orange) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale and transfer of facilities and certificate rights in Orange County, Texas. The Applicants seek approval for CSWR-Texas, water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 13290 and sewer CCN No. 21120, to acquire facilities and to transfer all of the water service area from North Orange under water CCN Nos. 11511 and 11642 and sewer CCN Nos. 20548 and 20564.

On May 19, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2, establishing a deadline of June 23, 2022, for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of notice for further processing of the application. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the notice documentation filed by the Applicants on June 13, 2022. Applicants filed an Affidavit of Notice to Current Customers, Neighboring Utilities, and Affected Parties attesting that notice of application and accompanying maps were mailed on May 31, 2022, to the entities listed in Staff's May 12, 2022, recommendation. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Applicants' notice be deemed sufficient.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully recommends that the Applicants' proof of notice be found sufficient.

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Dated: June 22, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on June 22, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

<u>/s/ Forrest Smith</u> Forrest Smith